GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2903
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ASSAM ACCORD
Borkataky Shri Narayan Chandra

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government monitors the implementation of Assam Accord ;

(b) if so, the details of progress made so far thereof, clause-wise ;

(c) the reasons for slow progress in implementation of said Accord; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the implementation of Assam Accord ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Action has been taken to implement various clauses of the Assam Accord. Certain clauses of the Accord are of continuing nature i.e. speedy all-round economic development of Assam, measures to prevent infiltration, crossing/attempting to cross the border, etc. and, therefore, need to be continuously monitored. The Government is committed to implement the Assam Accord in letter and spirit. The details of action taken on various clauses of Assam Accord are annexed.

ANNEXURE

ASSAM ACCORD-STATUS OF CLAUSE-WISE IMPLEMENTATION

CLAUSE 5.1-FOREIGNERS ISSUE:

I. The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizenship Rules, 1956 and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.

II. Special Registration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme.

III. Thirty-two Foreigners Tribunals have been constituted in the State of Assam under the provisions of Foreigners Act, 1946 for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners.

CLAUSE 6 & 7 −SAFEGUARDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

IV. A Cultural Centre called the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalashetra Complex has been established.

V. Sri Jyoti Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati has been modernized. Rs. 10 crore has been sanctioned for further expansion/modernization of the Institute in the current financial year.

VI. Numaligarh Refinery was set up at a cost of nearly Rs. 2,500 crores.

VII. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur, and the other at Silchar, have been set up.

VIII. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati.

IX. Kathalguri Power Project (60 MW) has been commissioned.

CLAUSE 8 TO 14 − OTHER ISSUES:

X. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.

XI. Border fencing of 190 Kms out of 223.81 Kms sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangladesh border. 236.62 Kms of border roads have been completed.

XII. Ex-gratia payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.

XIII. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

XIV.In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to15.8.1985.

XV. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.